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FROM RABBI WEBER

In the days after Thanksgiving, the newspapers, radio and TV were filled with wonderful stories of people reaching out to feed the poor and the homeless. Soup kitchens had more volunteers than they could handle, as so many people offered their help. Many were quoted as saying that they wanted to share their good fortune with others — a truly noble sentiment.

Since I am writing this a few weeks before Christmas, I cannot know for sure that the story was the same on December 25th, but I bet it was. Both because nothing really newsworthy happens on major holidays and because it's so good to hear good news for a change, I imagine that the lead holiday stories were, once again, about people who heeded the call to make the season a time of "peace on earth, good will toward men [and women]."

I tried to calculate exactly how many people were fed over Thanksgiving, and how many volunteered to feed them, but the reports were too vague. I guess it doesn't really matter how many people had a good meal and got a friendly smile; all that counts is that they did. For people who had little to give thanks for, and had little to be joyous about on Christmas Day, these volunteers brought a ray of light and a glimmer of hope, and I congratulate them and thank them.

But now it is January. The only holiday this month is Martin Luther King Day (well, there's also *Tu BiShevat*, on January 22, but retailers haven't paid it much attention recently), and the all-American activity for the month is figuring out how to pay for the frenzy of consumer confidence we displayed back in December. Most of our neighbors have taken down their decorations, Christmas trees await their final pickup at curbside, and life is returning to normal. Which means that the poor and the homeless are hungry again.

It would be wonderful if our once-a-year burst of charity could sustain the needy through the whole year, but it doesn't. Even with all the food we bring on Yom Kippur every year, by the time a month has passed, the food is gone and the demand remains. The Monmouth-Ocean County Food Bank reports that in spite of the wonderful economy, requests for food assistance have increased in each recent year. Apparently, their clientele is not impressed by the record-high levels of the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

"For there will never cease to be needy within the land. Therefore I command you, saying, you shall surely open your hand to your brother, to your poor and to the needy in your land." (Deut 15:11) This is our commandment, our instruction from God. We are to open our hands — both to give and to work — to help the

SPECIAL EVENTS

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RESUMES —
January 5**

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION —
January 9**

**ISRAEL TRIP INFORMATION
MEETING — January 9**

**RTSY SHABBAT SERVICE —
January 14**

**TRT GOES TO THE WICKER
CHURCH — January 23**

**TRT LITERACY CHALLENGE
DISCUSSION — January 30**

poor in our land. Not only on Yom Kippur, not only on Thanksgiving, and not only at end-of-the-year-taking-a-tax-deduction-time, either. Since there will *never* cease to be needy within our land, we must *never* stop helping. We are commanded to open our hands to our brothers and sisters *especially* at the times when no one else is doing it. And winter, after the warm glow of Christmas charity is past, is when no one else is doing it.

How can we help? I give you three suggestions. Do one, do them all, or do something else that helps. The details are not nearly so important as the doing.

The first is the easiest, because we all know how: bring food. The food basket which sits empty in the temple atrium is an unfortunate metaphor for the empty mouths and bellies of people right here in our community. Putting food in the basket is literally putting food in a hungry mouth; there is no "handling charge," and none of it goes to administrative overhead. A can of tuna fish, a box of pasta or even a package of chocolate chip cookies will do so much to nourish a body and a soul, and it takes so little effort to do it!

If you want to do more, there is another receptacle in the atrium. January's goal for our "Mitzvah Crib" is to provide cold-weather items for the poor: hats, scarves, gloves and the like. This takes a little more effort, either to buy them or to find the old ones we are no longer using, *clean them nicely*, and bring them to the temple. Remember that this, too, is feeding the hungry: when it is cold outside, parents have to decide whether to spend some of the food money to buy hats and gloves for their children. Your gift solves that problem, and puts the money back in the food budget.

Finally, if you really want to feed the hungry, *feed the hungry*. Our Social Justice Committee has an ongoing relationship with the soup kitchen in Asbury Park, and we would be happy to arrange for you to go there on a Sunday and help serve lunch. They don't need large groups; just a handful of people every week. So, why not ask a few friends and make a day of it? No great skill is required, you don't have to be a chef, and you will have a wonderful time when you do it. To learn more about this, or to volunteer, please call Geri Kaplan, at 972-8197.

Whichever of these you choose — and I truly hope that every Rodeph Torah family will choose at least one — I want you to think about something when you do it. As you place the food in the basket, or lay the gloves in the crib, or hand a plate of hot food to a soup kitchen guest, remember these words:

"For there will never cease to be needy within the land. Therefore I command you, saying, you shall surely open your hand to your brother, to your poor and to the needy in your land."

Please, open your hand to the needy. It is always important, but in January it is critical.

Shalom,
Rabbi Don Weber

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We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of Temple Rodeph Torah:

Eric and Cathy Traub and their children, Melissa and Jarred
Jeffrey and Nancy Zinn and their Children, Jesse and Austin

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Saturday, 1/1 - Shabbat Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*
- Friday, 1/7 - Family Shabbat Service – 8:00 p.m.
 Story: "The New Moonth"
 Jennifer Kaye, Soloist
 ✧ Birthday Blessings for January; Candle Lighting 4:27 p.m.
- Saturday, 1/8 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*
 B'nai Mitzvah: Perri Goldstein and Landon Goodman
- Friday, 1/14 - Shabbat Service – 8:30 p.m.
RTSY (Rodeph Torah Senior Youth) Creative Service
 Candle Lighting 4:34 p.m.
- Saturday, 1/15 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*
 Bar Mitzvah: Michael Curtis
- Friday, 1/21 - Shabbat Services:
 7:30 p.m. – "Very Young People's Shabbat" (20 minutes, for pre-readers)
 8:30 p.m. – Service
 Sermon: "Listening to the Trees"
 Rabbi Shira Stern, Soloist; Candle Lighting 4:42 p.m.
- Saturday, 1/22 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Bet.*
 Bar Mitzvah: Alex Gleitman
- Friday, 1/28 - Shabbat Services – 8:30 p.m.
**GUEST SPEAKERS: Jill Finkelstein and Liza Kaufman will speak about
 their summer experience in Israel**
 ✧ **Anniversary Blessings for August**
 Linda Cranin, Soloist; Candle Lighting 4:51 p.m.
- Saturday, 1/29 - Shabbat Morning Services – 10:00 a.m. *Minyan Group Aleph.*
 Bat Mitzvah: Lindsay Silberman



TRT'S 18th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Please support your temple by attending the 18th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Please return your RSVP cards as soon as possible so that we can continue on with our plans for the dance. This will be a great, fun-filled evening of entertainment. Please join us!

Ellen Levine and Rachel Pachter

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Please call the temple office if you know of any temple member who is ill, or who has been admitted to the hospital. We want to visit and offer our help, but we cannot help unless we know about them!

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Who are the people making decisions for us all at TRT? Are they any different than you or me? Find yourself in their stories. This month we meet **Saul Curtis**.

Saul Curtis and his wife, Debbie, live in Marlboro with their three children. Their son, Michael, is in 7th grade and will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah this month. They have two other children, Brooke who is in 4th grade, and Steven who is in 2nd grade. The Curtis family joined the temple five years ago. Prior to living in Marlboro, the Curtis' lived in Old Bridge. Saul was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and Debbie grew up in Fishkill, New York. Saul and Debbie met during their college days at SUNY Albany.

Saul is a partner at PriceWaterhouse Coopers and commutes daily to New York City. In his spare time, Saul likes to spend time with his family and enjoys coaching his son's soccer team. Saul has been Treasurer of the temple since July. Prior to that he was a member of the Finance Committee and is currently serving on the Cantor Search Committee.

When Saul was approached about joining the Board he saw it as a great way to give something back to the temple. "We have been members for five years and I have not been very involved. I had been on the Finance Committee and felt that I could help the temple further by joining the Board." It has been a good experience for Saul. For him, the best part about being a Board member is getting to know and become friendly with the people on the Board, and getting to know how the temple works. "I got to see how much time Board members committed to the temple and how they are looking out for the good of the temple." The most difficult part of being a Board member is the commitment of time. "It is so clear that so much is done by so few people. With so many competing interests, it is challenging to get people involved and to get things like fundraising going at the temple." Saul believes that one of the biggest challenges facing the temple today is getting more people to accept Board positions. "The broader issue is how to get everybody doing something." Saul believes that we need to continue to strive to get as many people involved in the temple as possible. "A great deal of satisfaction comes from accomplishing something for the temple, no matter how big or small."

EDUCATION

Living in two different centuries is quite exciting, but to be fortunate enough to live in two different millennia is most unusual. We are full of hopes, dreams, and no doubt, some anxiety as we enter the year 2000.

On a smaller scale, we, too, at the religious school, will turn the page this month as we begin a new semester. Report cards will be given to all students in grades three through seven during the last week of January. A great deal of thought and time is put into each report card. We ask that parents do the same. In order to make your child benefit from their report cards, it is most important that you spend time and go over all grades and comments together, and ask your child to evaluate his/her evaluations. Ask your child to explain a grade or a comment that does not please you. Discuss and decide together the importance of reaching higher goals, both personally and Jewishly, and develop a system in which to achieve those goals. Please sign and return the bottom stub on the report card. The teachers will welcome any comments you wish to make on this stub.

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We just turn the page to another new beginning. Let us not wait for the new to become old before we react. Let's react now!

Wishing you all peace.

Shalom,
Edna Coleman, RJE

Dates to Remember:

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| Monday, January 3 | School is closed. |
| Tuesday, January 4 | School is closed. |
| Sunday, January 9 | 3 rd Grade <i>Shabbaton</i> - 10:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. Parents are invited. |
| Monday, January 10 | <i>MOREHSHa</i> begins at TRT: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 12 | Mrs. Cohen/Mrs. Levin 7 th Grade Service (2 nd hour) – 8:00 p.m.
Parents, please join us. |
| Sunday, January 16 | Professional growth day for teachers. No classes for students. |
| Monday, January 17 | School is closed. |
| Sunday, January 30 | Mrs. Meyers/Mrs. Cohen 4 th Grade Service (2 nd hour) 10:10 a.m.
Parents, please join us. |
| Monday, January 31 | <i>MOREHSHa</i> Program with parents - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |

HORAIYNU

On behalf of all members of *Horaiynu*, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year. During the new "millennium," our Hebrew School students have many exciting activities to look forward to. The third grade will have a *Shabbaton*, and the fifth grade will have a T-shirt painting craft.

Once again, I thank everyone who volunteered to help with the Hanukkah Boutique and the fifth grade Hey Happening. A special thanks to Bibi Kohn, Cindy Sarna, and Jodi Zukoff for a job well done. Without the help of our volunteers, these activities would not be possible.

Marla Bucher

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The food drive that Steve Konigsberg ran in November was unbelievable! We collected over 70 turkeys that were given to Open Door in Freehold. The food that was collected was packed, and I do mean packed, in a van. It took three people 35 minutes to transfer all the food to the Monmouth Food Bank truck. They called and thanked us heartily for the 1,800 pounds of food that was collected.

Ed Russin



On *Tikkun Olam* day, several families from the synagogue, including many children, one baby, and a dog, went to the John L. Montgomery Nursing Home, located in Freehold. Each family chose one or more residents to visit, as we circulated among the three floors of the facility. The residents, both senior citizens and young adults, were thrilled to have our company. In addition, the staff was extremely accommodating and helpful.

The success of our visit was highlighted by the wonderful displays of friendliness, compassion, and selfless lack of fear shown by the children, as well as the incredible patience, gentleness, and affection of the dog.

Thanks to all of the families who participated in this event, and a special thank you to Iris and Irwin Misshula, who had the wonderful idea to bring along their delightful dog, Molly!

We had a second visit to the nursing home on December 5, 1999, for Temple Rodeph Torah's third annual Hanukkah celebration. This was, once again, a resounding success and brought smiles to the faces of the residents and the TRT members who participated. For information on future visits we are planning, please call me at 972-5758.

Sincerely,
Jessica Kahan



The fall Food Drive was held on November 21st. All of our volunteers were enthusiastic and once again we were very successful. We collected almost 70 frozen turkeys which were donated to the Open Door Food Pantry in Freehold. For the most part, people were very generous. We asked people to buy one extra item to help feed the needy. Many people bought and donated large bags full of food. There was joy in their giving and many people thanked us for being there to collect and distribute the food. We will again hold a food drive in March. We hope that you will join us as we continue to collect food to help our local food pantries.

On November 28th, I had the good fortune to work with my daughter, Michelle, as a volunteer at the Asbury Park soup kitchen. It was an incredible experience to help feed over 100 men, women, and children. Everyone was grateful for our help and we both left with very warm feelings. This wonderful experience is available to all.

Steve Konigsberg

RTSY - Senior Youth Group

I can't believe it is snowing as I write this article for RTSY! While looking ahead in the Winter calendar, I see some great things happening. Michelle Cooper, our Religious and Cultural Vice President, has edited what is sure to be an incredible creative service on Friday, January 21, 2000. The service will explore "why we do what we do," and should be a great evening.

In February, RTSY will hold our annual *Shul-In*. We invite other temple youth groups from all over the region to come to our *shul* and learn a bit, have some great fun, and try to get some sleep.

And coming in the mail in the next week or two: applications for *Hagagiah* Conclave, which will be held in Nyack, New York, in early March. It is never too early to get the word out!

And don't forget: *the Purim Carnival is coming!!!*

Please look in the back of this Newsletter for information on the "LOX BOX" fundraiser we are holding in January!

Is your high school-age child looking for an incredible summer program for 2000? Well do I have some ideas you should consider. NFTY in Israel, NFTY Mitzvah Corps, Camp Harlam, and Kutz Leadership Academy are some of the experiences that RTSYites past and present are doing. These are opportunities that only come one time in your life. For more information on these and any events or general questions, please email me at rbear@dti.net.

Ross Bear, RTSY Advisor

NEWS FROM RTSY, continued...

Hello, Temple Rodeph Torah!

This is JiLL Finkelstein, the Rodeph Torah Senior Youth Group President, reporting on the status of the youth group. I am happy to say that the youth group has had many successful events since the start of the school year. We have done things such as apple picking and pie making (our pies came out wonderful), a Crop Walk, Dinner and a Movie Night, and more. We are currently working on our Creative Service, which will be led on Friday, January 14th. We hope you will attend. We are also planning a youth group sleep-over in the temple, called a *Shul-In*, for Saturday, February 5 - Sunday, February 6.

I am sorry to have to say that our membership has declined this year. We are working hard to make this year a fun success, but without new members it is very difficult! We want to meet new people. Please consider joining the youth group (or convincing your high school-age child to join). If you want any information or have any questions, feel free to contact me at 972-4577. Looking forward to meeting you!

JiLL Finkelstein

CARING COMMUNITY

Performing in October, our Traveling Talent Show was at the Liberty Manor Assisted Living Residence in Englishtown. The children and teenagers who volunteered expressed a range of artistic and creative talents. Allie and Brooke Cohen, ages 10 and 8, choreographed their own hip-hop dances along with Samantha and Jessica Breuer. Samantha and Jessica also displayed their artwork and everyone was so excited to see it. Also performing a dance, to a Shania Twain song, was Nicole Landesman. Our brilliant singers included Danielle Feinstein, who sang a variety of songs and led a number of sing-alongs. Jennifer Kaye, 13, sang "Memory" from *Cats* and some other beautiful songs, accompanied by her mother, Elise, on keyboard. In addition, Marissa Wajngold sang "Because You Love Me," and Laura Davis performed a medley of tunes, including a rendition of "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," English accent and all!

Stephen Rudnick was our vivacious emcee who also kept us organized and motivated. We were also joined by Matthew Davis who enjoyed spending his birthday with us and lending moral support on this happy occasion.

A special thank you to Vivian and Steve Feinstein and Annette Rudnick for all their help on the audio and video portion of the show.

We are in search of new talent. Do you have a picture that you painted or created? Do you have some funny jokes or stories to share with people that would love to hear them? Would you like to sing a little song? We **need you!** Please call us.

In this Newsletter you will find a form to volunteer for the Caring Community. Please take a minute to see what we need, and how you can help. You will love it if you do!

Janet Caruso, 536-0001

Fran Cohen, 446-2886

COLLEGE OUTREACH

The College Outreach Committee has been busy finalizing the address list of our college students and sending out some Hanukkah packages. In addition, we continue to send out birthday cards to our students to let them know that we are thinking of them often. A very special thanks to Lewis Wildman who so graciously donated a large number of birthday cards to the College Outreach Committee so we can keep in touch with our students. We appreciate your support very much.

We hope that school is going well for all of our students. Happy new year to all!

Lynn Chodos

Viewpoint

PEACE – IS THE PRICE TOO HIGH FOR ISRAEL?

Peace is a wonderful word. It conveys a meaning of only good things. Israel is trying very hard to make peace with its neighbors by giving up land. This is unprecedented as far as I know. Countries do not willingly give back what land they have won in a war. Israel is giving back land, but I wonder, what is Israel getting in return?

Israel has made peace with Egypt, but has this been a real peace? In my opinion, when you are at peace with a nation, as we are with Canada, you do not teach your children hatred of the people of the country you are friendly with. Every day in Egyptian newspapers they preach anti-Semitism, hatred of Israel, and have caricatures showing “vile Jews.”

The peace process going on with the Palestinians seems to me to be a farce. Israel is giving up land, but what are the Palestinians giving Israel besides demands? I feel that the United States is pressing a peace that is one-sided. Why has our government not insisted that the Palestinians stop their vicious anti-Israel, anti-Jewish rhetoric? Our first lady stood by and said nothing while Mrs. Arafat was accusing the Jews of a type of blood libel. Hatred of Israel and the Jews is taught in the Palestinian schools, to students of every age. They are purposely raising their children to hate the people in Israel that their government is making peace with. This is a false peace. It will only be temporary. Is Israel ready to give up the Golan Heights and for what purpose? The Syrians shelled Israel from that vantage point. What will stop them from beginning the shelling again?

Jerusalem is a city so sacred to us. We pray every year for “next year in Jerusalem.” When Jerusalem was held by Arabs, they would not let Jews in to our sacred city. Now that we hold Jerusalem, and have opened it to everyone, the Palestinians want a piece of the city. Our government will not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. They insist we give up a piece of our capital to satisfy the people who supported our enemies during World War II and during Desert Storm. Why are we expected to reward these people with part of Jerusalem?

I want Israel to be at peace. I understand that peace means compromise. It bothers me that the only compromising seems to be coming from Israel.

Kenneth Tedoff

(Share your views. Guest columnists welcome. All appropriate material will be given consideration. Comments, suggestions, feedback? Drop me a line or e-mail me at Rivkatl@aol.com)



Torah Today

A Brief Summary of Each Week's Torah Portion

Shabbat 1/1

Parashat Shemot, Exodus 1:1-6:1

Summary by Marc Waldman

Those from the House of Jacob who immigrated to Egypt passed away. The succeeding generations thrived numerically, which frightened the Egyptian rulers. They feared that the Israelites might join potential enemies and bring down the Egyptian kingdom. The rulers took various steps to keep the Israelites down: oppressive labor and population control. In this environment, Moses is born and raised within the Egyptian ruling household. After striking down an oppressor of the Israelites, Moses leaves Egypt. After his encounter with God, Moses returns to Egypt to seek the freedom of the Israelites.

Shabbat 1/7-8

Parashat Va'era, Exodus 6:2-9:35

Summary by Lori Spett

God hears the cries of the Israelites in slavery, speaks to Moses and Aaron, and instructs them to deliver the Israelites from Egypt. Pharaoh will not let them leave, even when God brings the first plagues. Pharaoh sees God's power and Moses asks God to stop. But each time, Pharaoh changes his mind and will not let the Israelites leave.

Shabbat 1/14-15

Parashat Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:26

Summary by Bonnie M. Sugarman

God brings the plague of the locusts to Egypt when Pharaoh refuses to let all the Israelites leave. Pharaoh apologizes, but still refuses to let them take their flocks with them, so God plans the final plague — the slaying of the first-born Egyptians. The Israelites must place blood of a lamb on their doorposts, so God will pass over them when the plague strikes. They are to observe this as a festival, to remember how God brought them out of bondage, and to eat unleavened bread for seven days. The plague comes in the night, and the Israelites quickly depart Egypt after 430 years of slavery.

Shabbat 1/21-22

Parashat Beshallach, Exodus 13:17-17:16

Summary by Cheryl Glasser

God leads the Israelites out of Egypt. Pharaoh finds out, and goes after them. The Israelites see the Egyptians chasing them and fear for their lives. God instructs Moses to split the sea so the Israelites can cross on dry land; and to turn the bitter water sweet, so they can drink it. God tests the Israelites by providing meat and bread so long as they take enough for one day and not save any. When they disobey, the food becomes infested. On the sixth day, they take double so they have enough for the Sabbath and it doesn't spoil.

Shabbat 1/28-29

Parashat Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:23

Summary by Lois Korman

Moses was responsible for adjudicating all disputes that arose among the people. His father-in-law, Jethro, sees that this was an onerous and virtually impossible task, so he suggests having minor disputes decided by honorable men, with Moses adjudicating only the most difficult issues. Moses does so, thereby alleviating much of his burden as moral guardian.

After traveling for three months, the people arrive at Sinai. Adonai tells Moses to convey, "If you will obey Me faithfully and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all the peoples." The Israelites must stay pure for two days. On the third day, as they approach Mount Sinai, there is thunder, lightning, a loud blast, and a dense cloud upon the mountain. Adonai allows only Moses and Aaron to come to the mountaintop to receive the Ten Commandments.

NEWS AND NOTES

HAVE YOU HEARD THE "ROCK AND ROLL MEGILLAH"?

Of course you haven't, because it has never been performed! But it will be, on PURIM — Monday evening, March 20th. If you want to act, sing, dance, direct, shlep, cater or kibbitz, or if you just always wanted to be The King, call Robbin Friedell, at 462-1692, NOW!

"HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our successful fall food drive held on November 21st: Bill Fireman, Mark, Arlene and Erica Goldberg, Bruce and Sheryl Cooper, Jay and Karen Goldstein, Neal and Ellen Finkelstein, Joanne, Jeff and Leanne Sinsky, Suzie Hershman, Larry and Bonnie Siegel, Carly Miller, Randy and Linda Cranin, Peter and Daniel Sugarman, Joan and Danielle Leimbach, Joshua Bucher, JoAnn Silkes, Phyllis Levenstein, Karen Konigsberg, Ron Tornberg, Jay and Gail Davis, and David Levy.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

- to Fran Paduano, on her engagement to Mr. Len Morris
- to Brian Berrol, son of Steve and Ellen Berrol, on his engagement to Ms. Kara Kraeffle
- to David Reibel, son of Marty and Ro Reibel, on his engagement to Ms. Sharon Rosenberg
- to Barbara Sprechman, on completing her course of study and becoming a Jew
- to Jason Becker, David Berg, Haley Cyrulnik-Dercher, Kate Katzanek, Jenna Shapiro and Noah Stern Weber, on their performance with the Marlboro High School Jazz Band, at the Concert for Kosovo and Turkey. The concert, sponsored by the Reform congregations of Monmouth County and the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County, raised over \$16,000 for relief work in those countries!
- to Danielle Cranin, daughter of Randy and Linda Cranin, who was named the North Coast Athletic Conference's Newcomer of the Year in field hockey. Dani was also selected All-NCAC first-team goalkeeper by the Conference's coaches.
- to Judy and Jerry Wiskin, on the engagement of their daughter, Lara, to Mr. Evan Ludin. "Miss Judy" is our Mommy and Me teacher

Do you have a simcha in your family — an engagement, promotion or academic award? Please call the temple office and tell us, so we can tell the world for you!

OUR CONDOLENCES

- to Rabbis Don Weber and Shira Stern, and Noah, Ari and Eytan, on the death of Don's uncle, Sidney Weber
- to Barbara, Ron, Dara and Brandon Sher, on the death of Barbara's cousin, William Johnson
- to Mitchell, Meryl, Paul and Eric Stoffer, on the death of Mitchell's mother, Irene Stoffer
- to Rhoda, Bill, Lee and David Geller, on the death of Rhoda's mother, Hilda Greenstein
- to Brian, Lisa, Craig, Gayle and Ian Reingold, on the death of Brian's grandmother, Pauline Reingold
- to Stacey Rasko and Stephen Martinis, and Garrett and Alixandra, on the death of Stacy's uncle, Jerry Fogel
- to Lonnie, Andy, Danielle and Jaclyn Saxe, on the death of Lonnie's mother, Hildegard Grau
- to Michael, Joan and Russell Gershman, on the death of Michael's father, Arthur Gershman
- to David, Cheryl, Robbie and Nicole Glasser, on the death of David's mother, Sylvia Glasser

"Zichronam Livracha" — May their memory be a blessing to all who knew them.

You are Cordially Invited

With much love and pride, we invite you to share a special moment in our lives when our son, Landon Brett, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 8, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Rhonda, Steve, Shaun and Derin Goodman

With love and joy, we invite you to join our family as our daughter, Perri, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 8, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Vikki, Neal and Harli Goldstein

We invite you to share a special day in our lives when our son, Michael Adam, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 15, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Deborah and Saul Curtis

On January 22, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., our family will celebrate a special event in our lives, as our son, Alex, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. With pride and joy we invite you join us in worship and at the *oneg* which follows.

Alyse and Gary Gleitman

We invite you to share in our happiness when our daughter, Lindsay Erin, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on January 29, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.. Please join us for the *oneg* following services.

Denise and Jerry Silberman

CONTRIBUTIONS

Building Fund

Nina and Rich Grossman, in honor of Bruce Cooper's recent promotion at Merrill Lynch
Teri and Lou Friedman

Sindy and Louis Weiner and Family, in memory of Benek Bolender, father of Marlene Shapiro
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The Comerchero Family, best wishes for the speedy recovery of Larry Foster
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The Karmel Family and Kaplan Family, in memory of Irene Stoffer, mother of Mitchell Stoffer
Janet Fine, for the *yahrzeit* of Bernard H. Loebel

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilder, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jeffrey Binder

Richard Kaplin, for the *yahrzeit* of Leon Kaplinsky

Mitchell Gold, for the *yahrzeit* of Jerome Gold

Helena Project Fund

Julie Castro, in appreciation of Rabbi Weber and Mrs. Haim

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Herzog Cantorial Fund

Phyllis, Henry, Rachel and Sara Levenstein, in memory of Benek Bolender, father of Marlene Shapiro
in honor of the conversion of Barbara Sprechman
Jackie and Ron Klug

Hirsch/Rosen Memorial Youth Fund

Sheryl, Bruce, Jon and Michelle Cooper, in memory of Jerry Fogel, uncle of Stacey Rasko
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Sugarman

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Rachel and Ira Pachter, in honor of Erik Pachter's good news
Sheila Aptaker, in memory of Irwin Raider
Wendy and Mario Recchia and Family, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Feigenbaum
The Jaffe, Goldberg, Halley and Billings Families, in memory of Benek Bolender, father of Marlene Shapiro

Mortgage Fund

Teri and Lou Friedman
Jill, Alan, Adam and Brooke Friedgood, with best wishes for the speedy recovery of Eva Mizrachi

Nursery School Fund

Sheryl, Bruce, Jon and Michelle Cooper, best wishes for the speedy recovery of Daniel Pearlman
best wishes for the speedy recovery of Jo-Ellen Landesman
Geri, Mike, Jared and Dana Kaplan, mazal tov to Judy and Jerry Wiskin on their daughter Lara's engagement to Evan Ludin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Barbara, Hal, Daniel and Lauren Sprechman, in honor of Barbara's conversion to Judaism
Stephen Drake, in honor of his conversion to Judaism
Lisa Levine, in honor of the naming of her daughters, Jessica Leigh Sharkey and Jacqueline Renee Sharkey
Arlene and Jack Levine, in honor of the naming of their granddaughters, Jessica Leigh Sharkey and Jacqueline Renee Sharkey
Gloria and Ed Russin
Bonnie, Larry and Susie Siegel, in memory of Jerry Fogel, uncle of Stacey Rasko
in celebration of the "special birthdays" of Stephen and Stacey Rasko Martinis
Jill and Joel Bzura and Family, in memory of Irene Stoffer, mother of Mitchell Stoffer
Ken and Neela Weber, in memory of Sidney Weber
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Arlene and Ken Kapilow, in memory of Ben Shurman

Religious School Equipment Fund

Helene, Neil, Shanna, Brad and Jessica Cooper, in memory of Lewis Stein
Marsha, Bruce, Rachel and Lauren Diamond, in memory of Benek Bolender, father of Marlene Shapiro
in honor of Rabbi Weber - "Thank you for being you"
TRT Board of Directors, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Sugarman
Sheryl, Bruce, Jon and Michelle Cooper, mazal tov to Barbara Sprechman on her conversion

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Sanctuary Improvement and Beautification Fund

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Marsha, Kevin, Elissa, Amanda and Daniel Gross, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Landon Goodman

Doreen, Richie, Aaron, Eva and Brooke Mizrachi, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Landon Goodman

The Curtis Family, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Alex Gleitman

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The Caretsky Family, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Doreen Mizrachi

Social Justice Fund

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Helene, Neil, Shanna, Brad and Jessica Cooper, in honor of Edna Coleman, Dr. Larry Goldstein, Rabbi Weber, et.al., who made the trip to Washington, D.C. such a wonderful experience for Jessica

Carol, Jim and Melissa Castro, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Julie Castro
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Barbara, Mark, Matthew and Gregory Hirsch, in memory of Elliott Romm

Temple Beautification Fund

Jaryd Spevack, in honor of Temple Rodeph Torah

Tree of Life Plaques

Robin, Joel, Harrison and Jordan Kugler, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Kugler

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Marsha, Kevin, Elissa and Daniel Gross, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Karyn Gross

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- _____ CRAIG FISCHER MEMORIAL FUND (To honor Craig's memory with a communal dedication)
- _____ GENERAL FUND (For the maintenance of temple programs and activities)
- _____ HELENA PROJECT FUND (To provide Shabbat meals for families in times of upset and difficulty)
- _____ HERZOG CANTORIAL FUND (For the future cantorial needs of the congregation)
- _____ HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYERBOOK FUND (For the purchase of prayerbooks) Any amount may be donated to this Fund, but a contribution of \$20 or more is required to dedicate a prayerbook.
- _____ HIRSCH/ROSEN MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND (Provides funding for youth programs)
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- _____ LIBRARY FUND (For the purchase of books for our new Library)
- _____ MORTGAGE FUND (Dedicated completely to paying down the principal on our mortgage)
- _____ NURSERY SCHOOL (For the development and support of our Nursery School program)
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- _____ RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND (Provides durable equipment for the Religious School)
- _____ SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENT and BEAUTIFICATION FUND (To refurbish the Sanctuary)
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- _____ WILLNER/WEINSTEIN EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND (Provides interest income for the Religious School's future)

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* Make checks payable to TRT-Rabbi's Discretionary Fund; all other funds payable to Temple Rodeph Torah.

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Yahrzeits

These names will be included in the list of *yahrzeits* on the Shabbat indicated. In addition, at our Friday evening service and Shabbat morning *minyan*, we will invite all those who wish to rise and say the name of the one(s) for whom they are saying *Kaddish*.

DATE	DECEASED	REMEMBERED BY
Shabbat Observance 12/31-1/1		
1/1	Haim Goldenberg	Marlene Shapiro
1/1	Stephen T. Jacobs	Henry Levenstein
1/1	David Solomon	Herbert M. Solomon
1/1	Jennie Moskowitz	Josephine Paltin
Shabbat Observance 1/7-1/8		
1/2	Bertha Bienstock	Gloria Russin
1/2	Max Silverman	Larry Silverman
1/2	Michael Marcus	Barbara E. Klein
1/2	Rose Markowitz Nathanson *	Ilene Fireman and Phyllis Levenstein
1/2	Dennis Mack *	Marla Bucher
1/3	Morris Needle	Robert Needle
1/3	Bessie Perlman	Jessica Kahan
1/4	The Bolender Family *	Marlene Bolender Shapiro
1/4	Donald Malick *	Myrna Kluger
1/5	Oscar Feld *	Nadine Sherman and Ellen Block
1/5	Herman Leonard Ginsberg	Alan Ginsberg
1/6	Stephen J. Derris *	Sandy Derris
1/6	William Ringer	Arlene Agulnick
1/6	Ruth Pines *	Judy Freilich
1/6	Herbert Hersh	Maureen Herman
1/6	Sari Nicole Graber *	Sheryl Harris, Susan and Bruce Baron
1/7	Lester Lazarus Goldberg *	Keith Goldberg
1/7	Samuel Cooper *	Brian Halpern
1/7	Rose Siegel	Andrea Goutter
1/7	Gerald David Goldsmith *	Chuck Kavitsky
1/8	Dorothy Sherman	Barbara Hirsch
Shabbat Observance 1/14-1/15		
1/9	Abraham Cohen	Marc Cohen
1/9	Jacob Fox	Steven L. Fox
1/9	Edward Botnick	Stephen Botnick
1/10	Jennie Jacobson	Evelyn Reich
1/10	Sylvia Madan	Ira Madan
1/10	Merle Beatty	Robert Beatty
1/10	Jack Waldman	Ann Goldstein
1/10	Sonya S. Grossman *	Rich Grossman
1/10	Rose Herman	Barry Kaye
1/11	Ruth Heidt	Maurice Heitt

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Yahrzeits, continued...

Shabbat Observance 1/14-1/15, continued...

1/11	Edith Hegyi	Tom Hegyi
1/11	Sam Rubin	Ira Rubin
1/12	Edith Brachfeld	Goldie Wein
1/12	Sally Sundel	Sindy Weiner
1/13	Tedi Kenoff	Arlene Agulnick and Ann Rotter
1/13	Mildred Gecht	Deborah Hoffman
1/14	Abe Brandes	Ronda Binkowitz
1/14	Robert De La Torre	Michelle and Jonathan Cooper

Shabbat Observance 1/21-1/22

1/16	Sarah Waldman	Ann Goldstein
1/16	David Dewey Seifter *	Roberta Rafaloff, Shirley Newman 5 th
1/16	Jack Fireman	William Fireman
1/16	Shelly Kret	Loretta Shapiro
1/17	Sarah Wechter	Phyllis Krauss
1/18	Philip Lester	Jay Davis
1/19	William Phillips	Barbara Kurnit
1/19	Nettie Douger	Robbin Friedell
1/19	Ellen Strousberg	Samuel Strousberg
1/19	Sheila Klein	Garry Klein
1/20	Gertrude Blank *	Ellen Zipkin
1/20	Benjamin Kanofsky	Jay Kanofsky
1/20	Ida Aronowitz	Joan Ruffine
1/20	O. Winslow Owens	Carol W. Zaitz
1/20	Daniel Shephard Goldenberg *	Bess Goldenberg Witlin
1/21	Samuel Gary Giddins	Joan Ruffine
1/22	Simon James Beizer	Suzanne Hershman

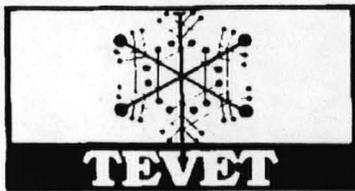
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1/23	Rosiland Kahan	David Kahan
1/23	Anna Wotman	Ronda Binkowitz
1/23	Sam Belitsky	Melvin Belitsky
1/23	Harold Jacobson *	Jo-Ellen Landesman
1/25	Samuel Zipkin	Jack Zipkin
1/25	Max Gross	Ruth Kaufman
1/27	Abraham Kazin	Alan Kazin
1/28	Jennie Rosenhoch *	Neal Finkelstein
1/28	Nathan Singer	Harvey Singer
1/29	Ruth Berger *	Judy Goldberg and Samuel Berger
1/29	Emanuel Herman	Larry Herman
1/29	Seymour Yockel	Steven Yockel
1/29	Hugo Gleich	Stuart Gleich

Shabbat Observance 2/4-2/5

1/31	Jack Salkin	Karen Goldstein
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* Indicates the dedication of a plaque on our Memorial Wall.



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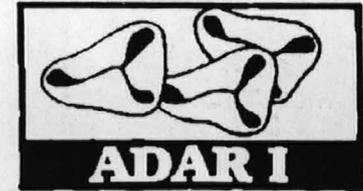


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REMINDER

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS CELEBRATION IS
IMPORTANT. DON'T FORGET TO SEND BACK YOUR
RSVP CARDS and SAY YOU WILL ATTEND!**



In our lives we are given special moments to cherish...

You are invited to share in the celebration of our

18th Anniversary

Saturday, the fifth of February, 2000

at Eight o'clock in the evening

The Greystone Manor

Freehold, New Jersey

\$100 p.p.

RSVP January 4, 2000

Entertainment by Stan Allen

Black Tie Optional

For Information Call Rachel 536-5653 or Ellen 446-1794

Purchase a Booster Ad in our Temple Rodeph Torah 18th Anniversary Celebration Ad Journal

***Write any message of congratulations, Mazal Tov, or any type of greeting to the temple.**

***Congratulate current or past officers, committee chairpeople, and teachers.**

***Thank someone for just being there!**

***If you solicit \$300 worth of Journal ads you can receive a free dinner dance ticket.**

***The form is on the other side. Please send it back by January 5, 2000.**

A Booster ad is only \$18.00!

**Remember the dinner dance will be on
Saturday, February 5, 2000
Watch for your invitation!**

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Quarter Page.....(5-1/2" x 2") \$ 50
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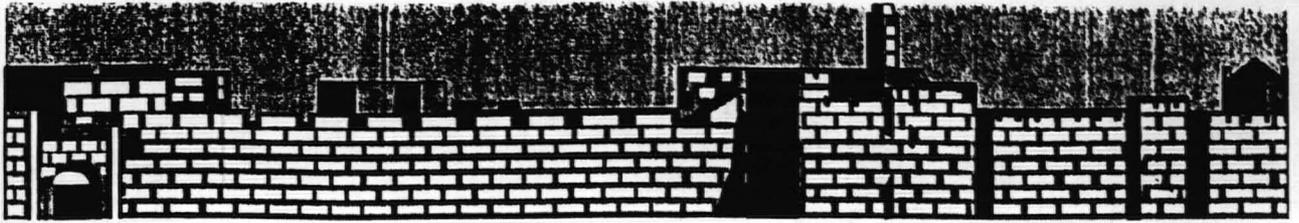
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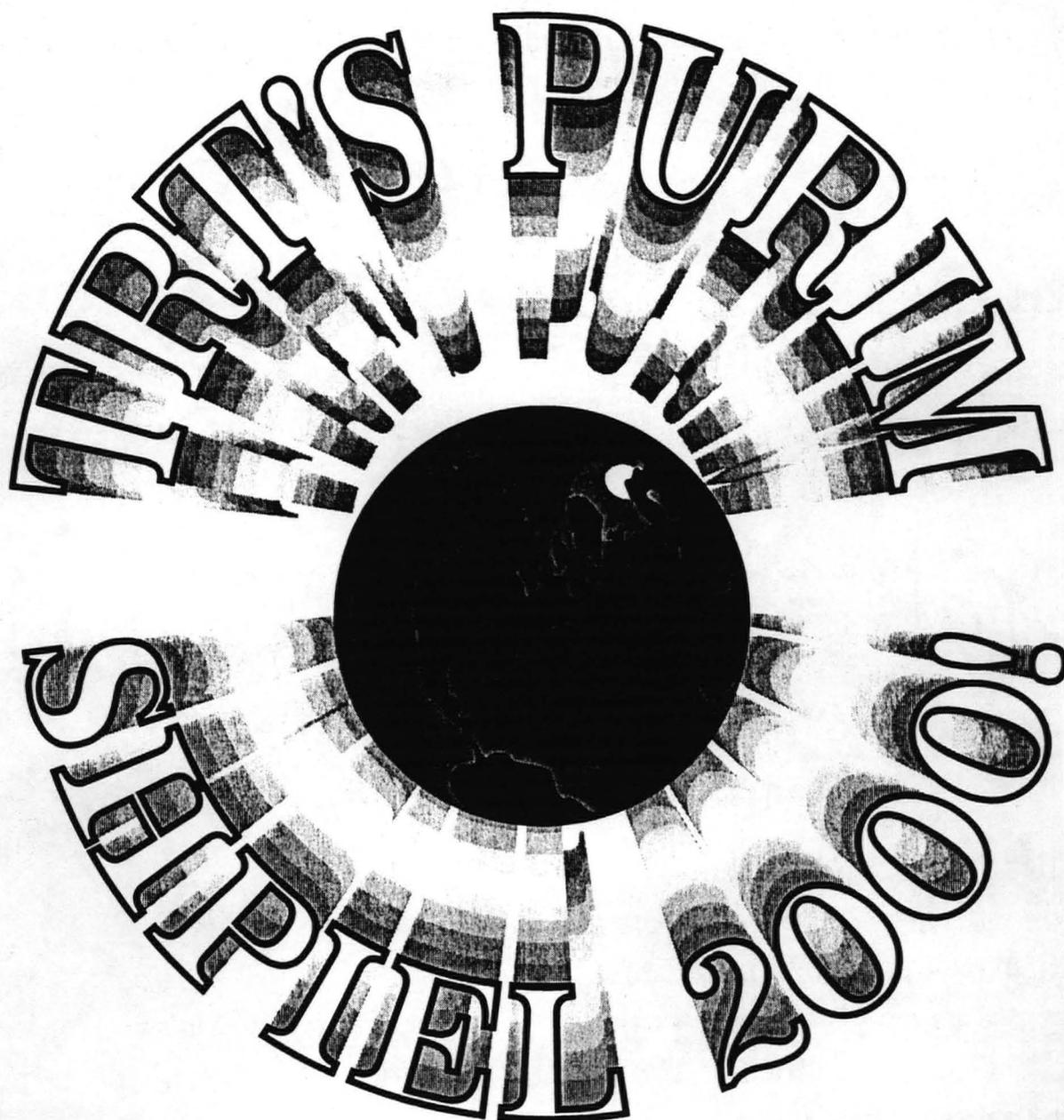
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Temple Rodeph Torah's Second Annual

JEWISH LITERACY CHALLENGE

As Rabbi Weber discussed on Yom Kippur, we challenge every temple member to read one Jewish book in the next four months, and join us for a discussion on January 30th.

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The Challenge: *The Chosen*, by Chaim Potok

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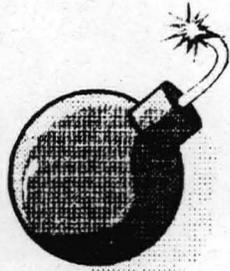
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Nichele Hostler

**Temple Rodeph Torah Youth Programs Membership Application Form
Academic Year 1999-2000**

In order for your child to take part in any RTSY events, it is necessary to fill out this form!

Child's Full Name: _____ Parent's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Grade as of 9/99: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____ @ _____

Child's Phone: _____ Parent's Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/99: _____

Are you a member of Temple Rodeph Torah? _____

If not, please indicate who is sponsoring you: _____

Medical Information

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____

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Does the child, whose name is listed above have any emotional problems or physical limitations that the advisor should be made aware of? _____

Please list any allergies, including foods: _____

Medical Release

I allow the RTSY Advisor to begin medical treatment in an emergency basis. This includes signing surgical releases and possibly the use of anesthesia. Because of the seriousness of this issue, I understand that contact may not occur immediately, but rather when the opportunity arises. **IF ANY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT SHOULD BE NECESSARY, INCLUDING SURGERY, I AUTHORIZE THE RTSY ADVISOR, AND STAFF AS LEGAL GUARDIANS TO MY CHILD.**

Parent Signature: _____

Permission

I allow my child _____ permission to become a member of RTSY. I understand that for each event, I will have to sign a permission slip, wit the exact details of such event. As a parent of a child in a TRT youth program, I understand that I may be asked to chaperone one event per academic year. I understand that my child may be transported to events in vehicles owned by both TRT staff, chaperones, and volunteers. I hold harmless both Temple Rodeph Torah, The TRT staff, and volunteers harmless from any harm caused my child, accidental or otherwise.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Child _____ Date: _____

1999-2000 Dues: Grades 9-12, RTSY \$36.00 Temple Members, \$50.00 non temple members.
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Temple Rodeph Torah Youth Programs Code of Conduct 1999-2000

Before attending any RTSY of TRTJYG event, you must have read and signed this form.

This code is modeled after the North American Federation of Temple Youth, (NFTY). All Participant must fill out one of the codes prior to each event. If you have any questions, please contact the RTSY/TRTJYG staff prior to signing this form.

- 1 The possession or consumption of alcohol (other than Shabbat wine, served at kiddish) is strictly prohibited.
- 2 The possession of tobacco and drugs (of any type), is strictly prohibited.
- 3 I will not have any body alterations done, this includes earrings, tattoos, and any other non-temporary disfiguration.
- 4 I will not violate any laws: local, state, or federal, as they are part of this code.
- 5 I will abide by all rules set forth by the Temple Rodeph Torah Youth Director, staff, chaperones, and other trip advisors.
- 6 At any over night trips, I will follow all rules concerning curfews. When the last event of each day is completed, I will return to my host home/room. I will remain there until the following morning. I will also follow rules concerning housing assignments.
- 7 I will not engage in any inappropriate behavior, including sexual behavior.
- 8 I will not engage in any hazing of any type.
- 9 I will stay within any boundaries set forth on any trip.
- 10 I will not do any damage to the temple, or any car, bus building etc. that we travel to.

Child's Signature: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Child's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Parent Section

I understand that if my child should break any of these rules, he/she may be sent home immediately from the event at my expense. Any damage my child does, I am also responsible for. I also understand that I may be asked to chaperone one event per year, at the request of the TRT youth director.

Parents Signature: _____

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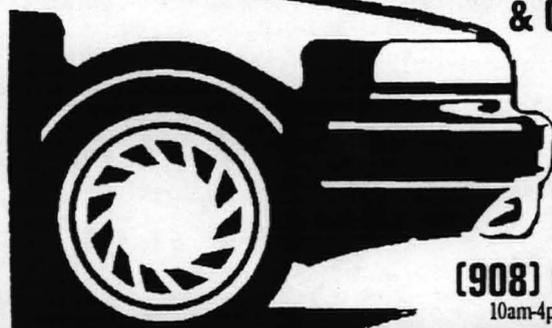
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*For further information,
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